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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION
FOR REISSUE
PATENT APPLICATION
TO CORRECT "ERRORS" STATEMENT
(37 CFR 1.175)**

Attorney Docket Number	28569.6555
First Named Inventor	Yuu Okada
COMPLETE if known	
Application Number	10/750,527
Filing Date	December 31, 2003
Art Unit	2627
Examiner Name	Paul W Huber

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Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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Supplemental Sheet

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Docket Number (optional)

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I hereby declare that:

The residence, mailing address and citizenship of the inventors are stated below.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: Panasonic Corporation

and the title of my position with said assignee is: _____

The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.

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Patent Number <u>6,400,663</u>	Date of Patent Issued <u>June 4, 2002</u>
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I believe said inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on December 31, 2003 as reissue application number 10 / 750,527and was amended on 12/31/03, 7/12/05, 7/7/09 and 7/27/09
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☒ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

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At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

Claim 19 claims less than the applicant had a right to claim in the patent. Specifically, in claim 19, "a predetermined driving value based on the detection result of the type of the information medium" should be more broadly recited as "a predetermined driving value based on the type of the information medium."

[Attach additional sheets, if needed.]

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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OR

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Name	Registration Number

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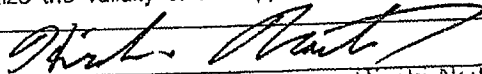
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Signature



Date Aug. 24, 2009

Full name of person signing (given name, family name)

Hiroki Naito

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